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GINGER

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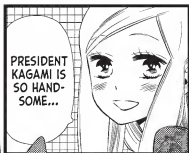
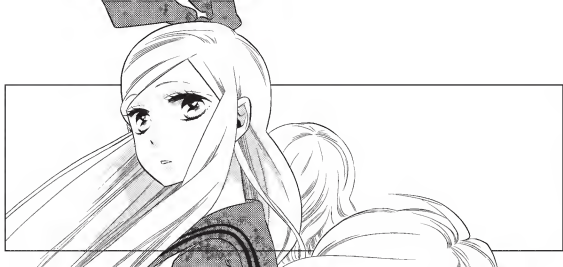


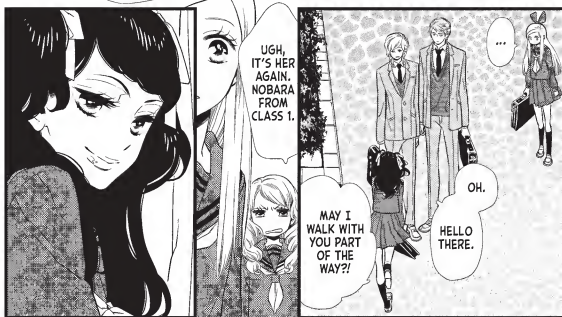


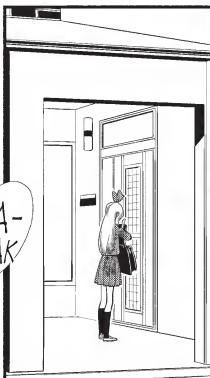
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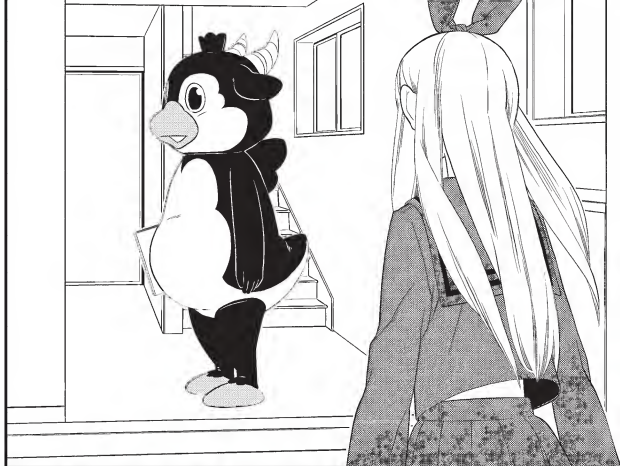
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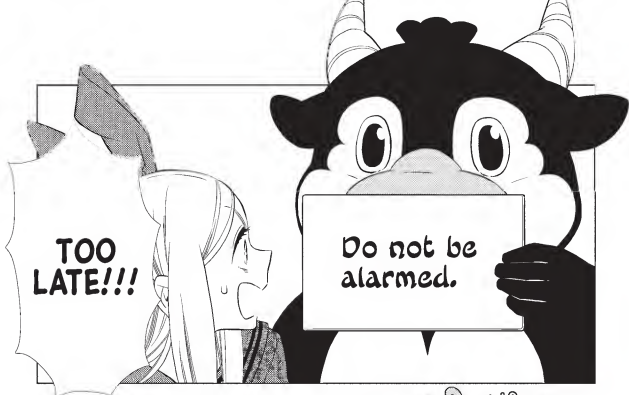
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TOO
LATE!!!

Do not be
alarmed.



REVEAL
YOURSELF,
YOU SUS-
PICIOUS
CHARAC-
TER!

No,
this is
my face.

CLAMP

THAT
MEANS
THERE'S A
CREEPY OLD
MAN OR
SOMEBODY
INSIDE!!



...ONE
OF THOSE
"KIGU-
RUMI"?!
I saw inside
one when I was
little and I was
traumatized!!

GASP!

ARE
YOU...



I told you,
that's my
face.



URGH!

BWAM

I F!

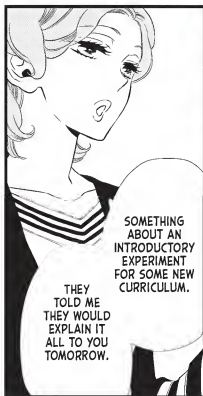
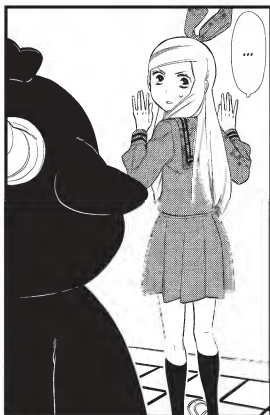


IT'S
NOT
COMING
OFF...

HUH...?

TUG!!

TUG!!



YOUR
MOTHER IS SO
PROUD! ♡

AND THEY
SAID THAT
YOU WERE
SPECIALLY
CHOSEN FROM
ALL THE
STUDENTS.

DON'T
TELL ME IT'S
GOING TO
LIVE HERE?!

Don't
mind me.

?!

SO HOW
SHOULD WE
HELP YOU
WITH THINGS
LIKE FOOD
AND
BATHING?

My name is
Ginger.

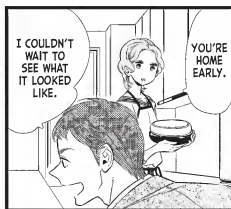
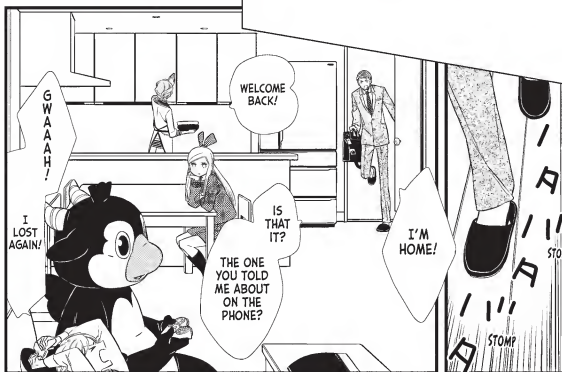
IT HIT
ME!

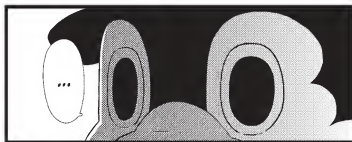
My hand
slipped.

LIAR!!

Oh-

I haven't
introduced
myself.







SIGN: MUSIC ROOM 2





MORE
KIGURUMI.

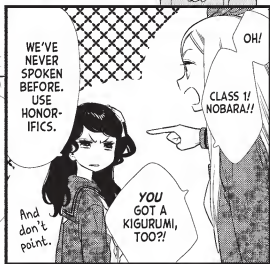


OH...



CLACK

I SEE
YOU'RE
ALL HERE.



WE'VE
NEVER
SPOKEN
BEFORE.
USE
HONOR-
IFICS.

And
don't
point.

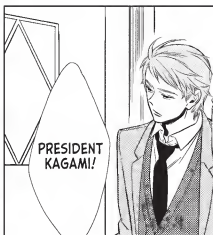
YOU
GOT A
KIGURUMI,
TOO?!

OH!

CLASS 1!
NOBARA!!



Cosplay.



PRESIDENT
KAGAMI!



YOUR
ENSEMBLE
IS
FABULOUS!

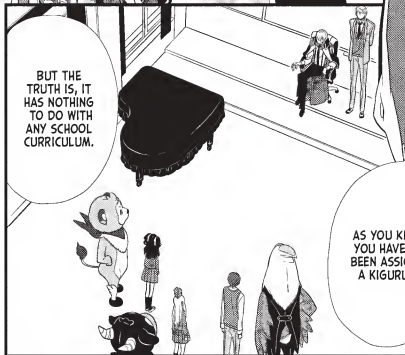
CHIGAYA-
SAMA!

THAT'S
A COURA-
GEOUS
OUTFIT...



SQUEEE!

THANK
YOU.



BUT THE
TRUTH IS, IT
HAS NOTHING
TO DO WITH
ANY SCHOOL
CURRICULUM.

SORRY FOR
CALLING YOU
ALL IN SO
EARLY IN THE
MORNING.

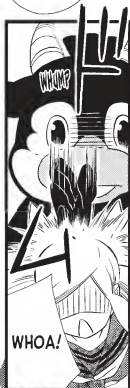
AS YOU KNOW,
YOU HAVE ALL
BEEN ASSIGNED
A KIGURUMI.



AND YOU
ALL ARE THE
GUARDIANS.

CHOSEN
WARRIORS.

THEIR TRUE
PURPOSE IS
TO PROTECT
THIS WORLD.



AM I THE
ONLY ONE WHO
CAN'T TAKE
ANY OF THIS
SERIOUSLY?





I CAN'T
BLAME YOU
FOR NOT
BELIEVING
ME.

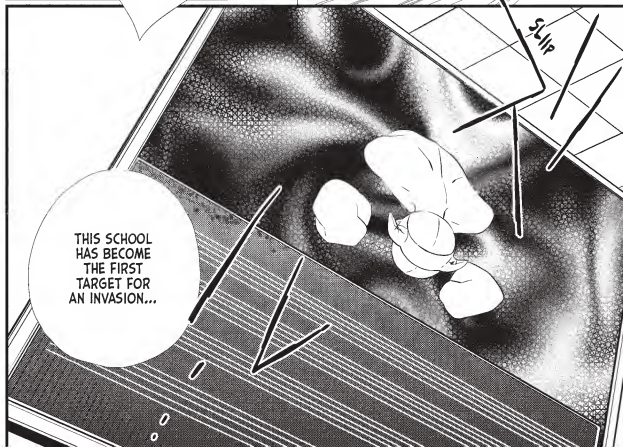
HOW-
EVER...



N—
NO.

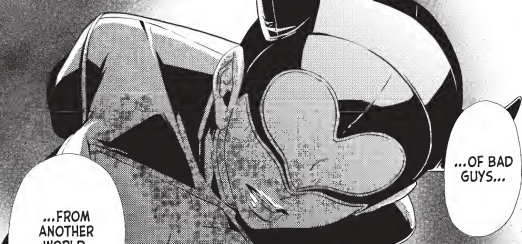
SAME...

?!
!!



THIS SCHOOL
HAS BECOME
THE FIRST
TARGET FOR
AN INVASION...

SLIP

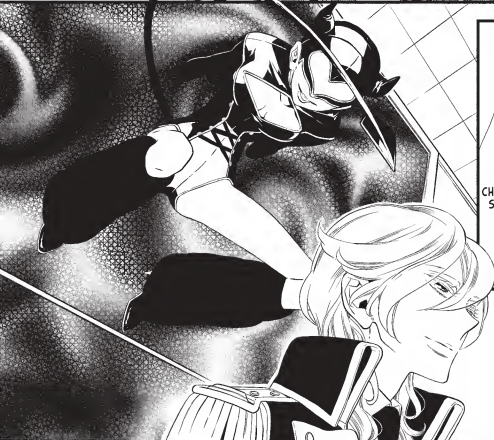


...FROM
ANOTHER
WORLD.

...OF BAD
GUYS...



WHAT...?!

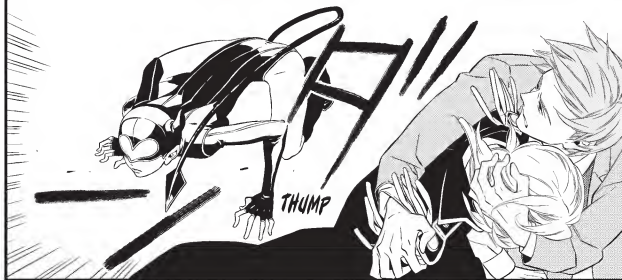


CHIGAYA-
SAN...



PRESIDENT,
WATCH OUT!!

WOOSH





CLENCH

HEY,
KIGURUMI...

NOW
WOULD BE
A REALLY
GOOD TIME

TO KNOCK
ME BACK INTO
REALITY—
LITERALLY, IF
YOU HAVE TO.

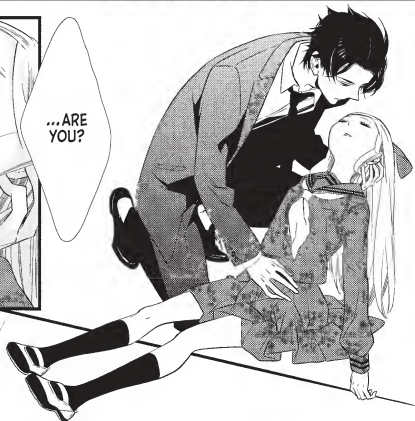




WHO...



...ARE
YOU?





...HA.



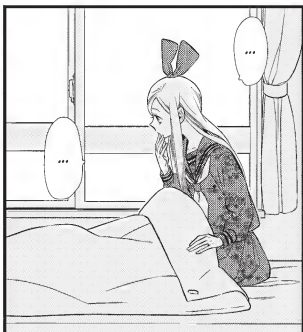
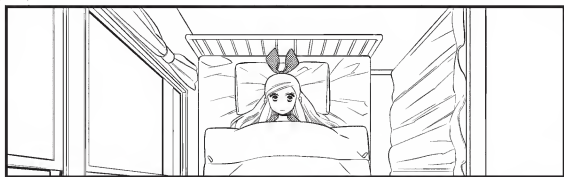
YOU
CAN'T
JUST
TAKE
IT...

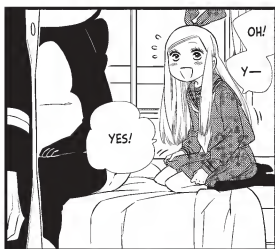
THAT'S
MY
FIRST
KISS...

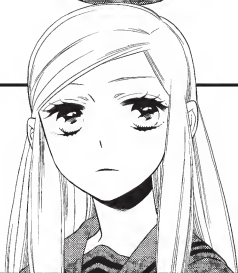


いっ!!

WHAP

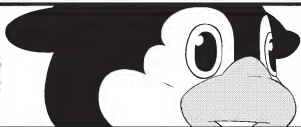






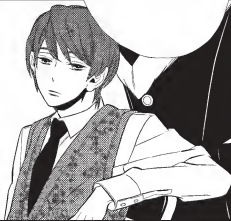
DO YOU
UNDERSTAND
NOW?

THIS WORLD
IS UNDER
ATTACK.



AN ENEMY
MANY, MANY
TIMES STRONGER
COULD APPEAR
AT ANY MOMENT.

YOU THREE
WILL TEAM UP
WITH *THEM*
TO KEEP THIS
WORLD SAFE.



...







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CHAPTER 2
ISN'T IT
ROMANTIC?

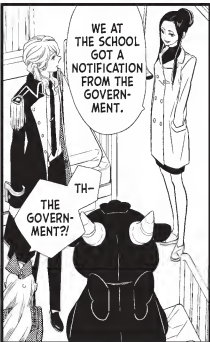


...TO KEEP
THIS WORLD
SAFE.

YOU
THREE WILL
TEAM UP WITH
THEM...



AS ITS
GUARDIANS.



WE AT
THE SCHOOL
GOT A
NOTIFICATION
FROM THE GOVERN-
MENT.

TH-
THE
GOVERN-
MENT?!



IS IT
OKAY FOR
HER TO
OVERHEAR
ALL THIS?!

HA
HA.

IT'S
ALL RIGHT.
WE'RE NOT
A SECRET
CLUB.

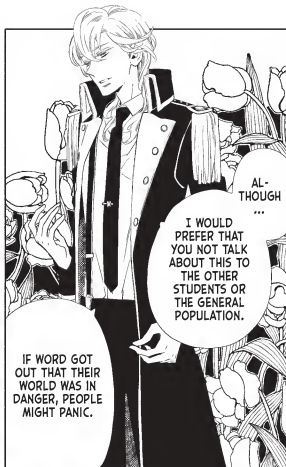
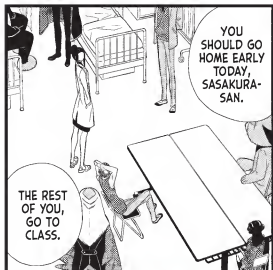


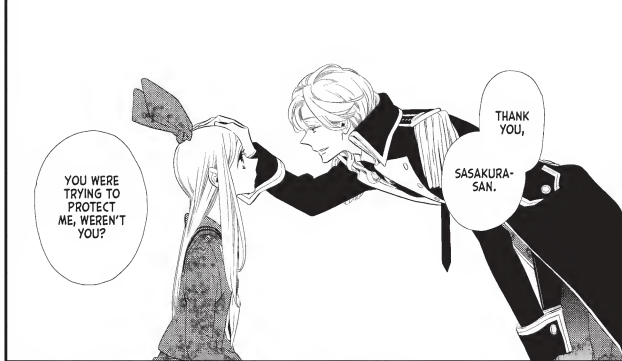
FSH
ALL
RIGHT,
ALL
RIGHT.

THAT'S
ENOUGH
OF THE
COMPLICATED
EXPLANA-
TIONS.

ACK!

SENSEI!





YOU WERE
TRYING TO
PROTECT
ME, WEREN'T
YOU?

THANK
YOU,

SASAKURA-
SAN.



...HUH?

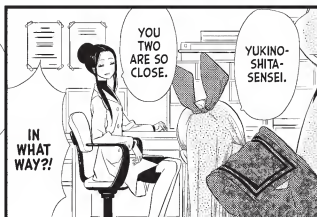
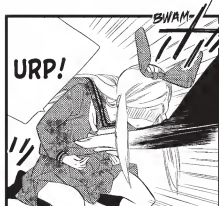
YOU'RE
NOT GONNA
HIT ME?

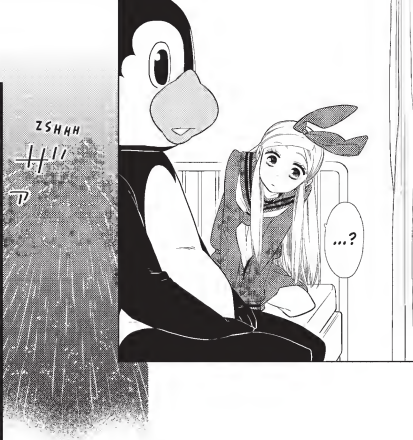
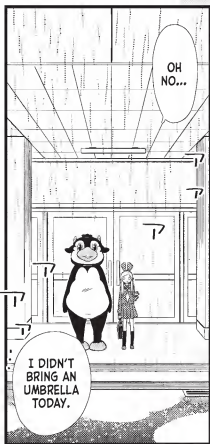


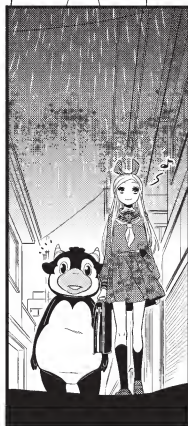
SO...

I
STILL DON'T
KNOW
WHAT'S
GOING
ON.

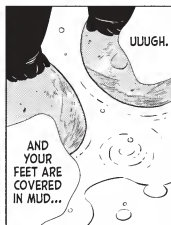
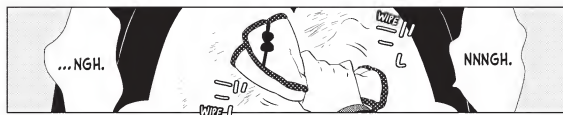
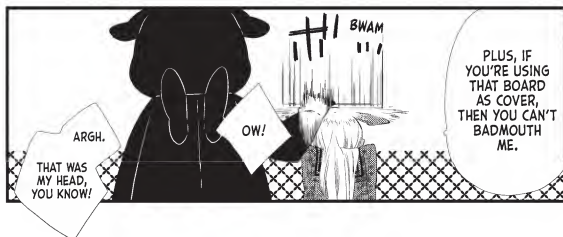
BUT I
DON'T
CARE...
PRESIDENT
KAGAMI
IS SO
DREAMY.



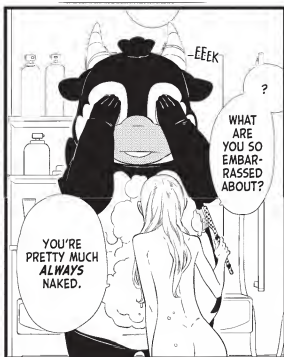
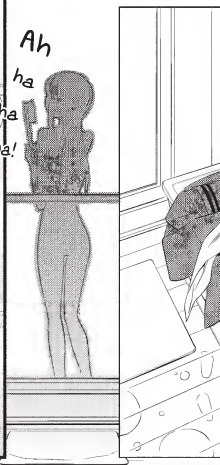


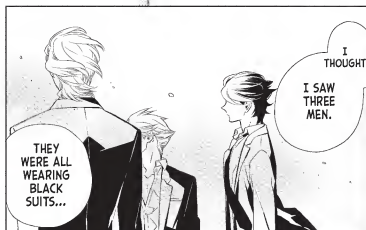
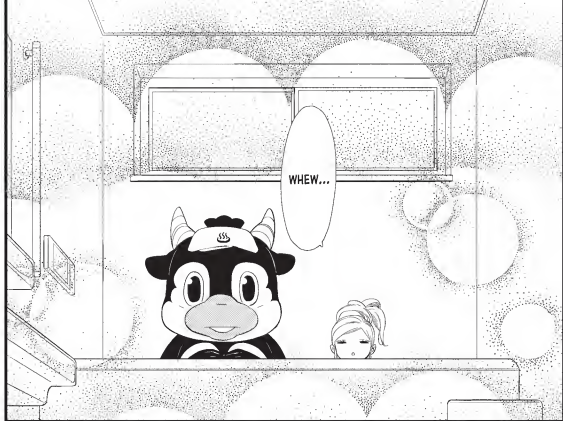




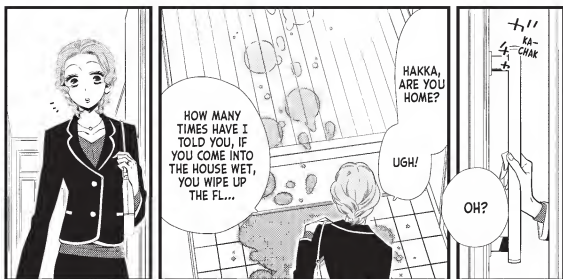
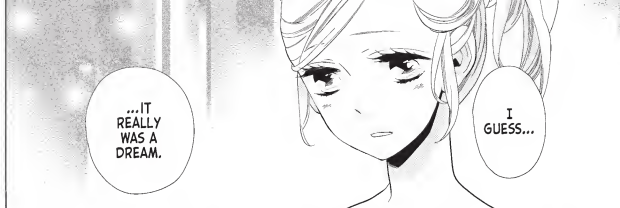












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SIGN: MUSIC ROOM 2

NOW THEN.
LET'S START OVER
BY INTRODUCING
OURSELVES.

I WILL BE
ASSUMING THE
ROLE OF THE
GUARDIANS'
LEADER, OF
SORTS.

I AM THE
STUDENT
BODY
PRESIDENT,

CHIGAYA
KAGAMI, FROM
CLASS 3-1.

CLASS
2-1.

NOBARA
MIYAMORI.

A
PLEASURE.

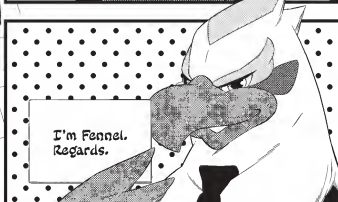
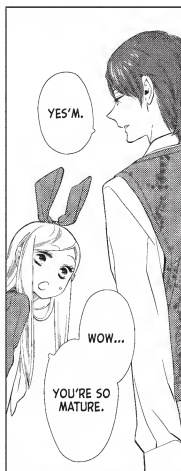
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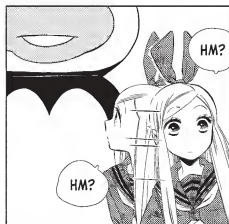
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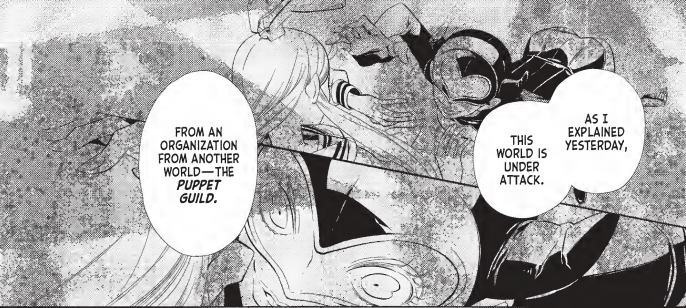
I'M HAKKA
SASAKURA,
CLASS 2-4!

I'm Basilicos!
Regards!

I'm Ginger! ☆







FROM AN
ORGANIZATION
FROM ANOTHER
WORLD—THE
**PUPPET
GUILD.**

AS I
EXPLAINED
YESTERDAY,
THIS
WORLD IS
UNDER
ATTACK.

YES
SHUDDER

BECAUSE
TO THEM,
OUR HEARTS
ARE LIKE
VALUABLE
GEMS.

YES.
HEARTS.

HEARTS
...?

THEY
STEAL
OUR
HEARTS,
AND
TURN
US INTO
THEIR
PUPPETS.

THEY CAN'T
EVEN BATHE
THEMSELVES.

REALLY
...?

THESE
GUYS?

THESE
KIGURUMI
ARE HERE
TO LEND
US THEIR
STRENGTH.

BATHE?

BUT
NOT TO
WOR-
RY.

CLENCH
ぎゅ

AND THE
KEY...

AND
SO,

THEY
WILL DE-
TRANSFORM
TEMPORARILY,
BUT ONLY
WHEN
NEEDED.



YOU
SEE,

WHEN
THE TRANS-
FORMATION
IS UNDONE—
THAT IS WHEN
THEY CAN USE
THEIR TRUE
POWERS.

IN ORDER
TO BE IN
OUR WORLD,
THE KIGURUMI
ARE IN SOME-
THING LIKE
A TRANS-
FORMED
STATE.

THE
GUARDIANS.

...IS
WITHIN
YOU.



GO ON,
THEN.

REPORT:
UNLOCK THE
TRANSFOR-
MATION.

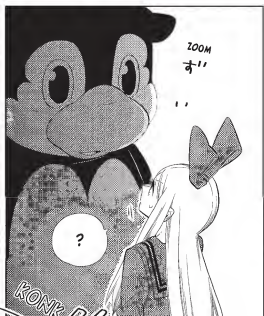
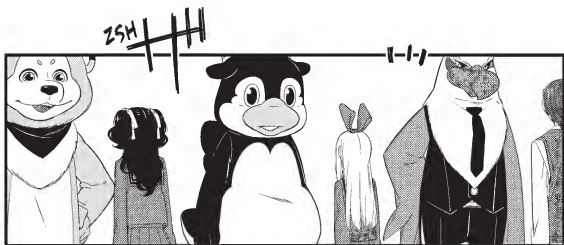
?

IT'S
NOVEL, IN
A WAY.

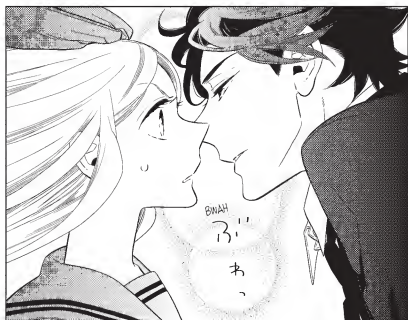
YES...

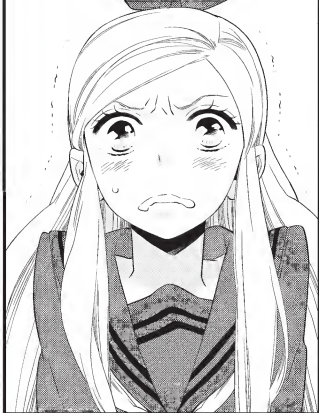
I THINK A
DEMONSTRATION
WILL
HELP YOU
UNDERSTAND
FASTER.

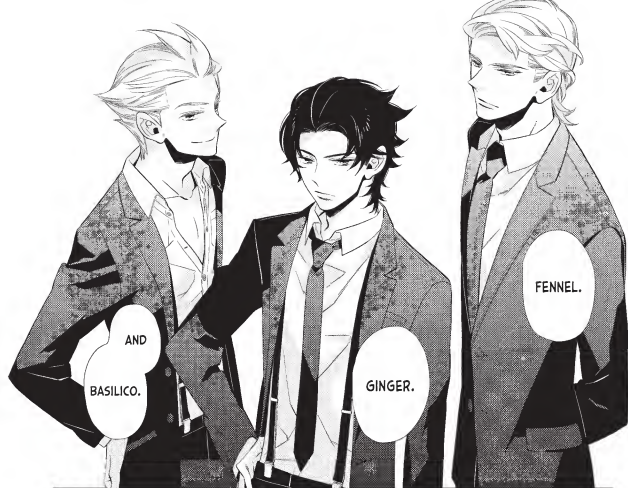
YOU
ALL KNOW THE
PROCEDURE,
YES? EXCEPT
FOR YOU,
SASAKURA-SAN.
I KNOW YOU
WERE UNCON-
SCIOUS.

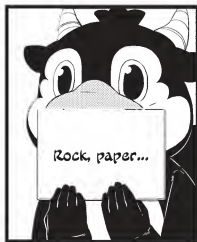












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CHAPTER 3
.....
THE FAIREST
OF ALL THE
SECOND-
YEARS





...IS THE
KEY?!

A
KISS...



THAT'S
EVEN
WORSE!!



NO, IT
WASN'T.

I HAD
TO KISS
YOU WHEN
YOU WERE
UNCONSCIOUS
SO I COULD
REPART.



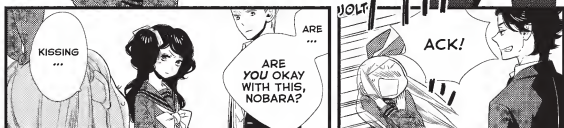
SO THAT
KISS
YESTERDAY
WASN'T A
DREAM,
EITHER?!

THAT
WAS MY
FIRST
KISS!!



WHAT...
ARE YOU
TALKING
ABOUT?

HEY, YOU'VE
GOT SOME
IMPRESSIVE
POWER TO
REPART ME
EVEN WHILE
YOU'RE UN-
CONSCIOUS.





You're
sure
about
this?

UH...
...HUH.

?



IT REALLY
HELPS THAT
SATSUKI
CAN CHANGE
GEARS SO
EASILY.

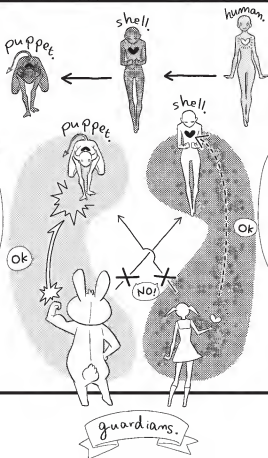
I'M NOT
A GIRL,
AND IT'S
NOT LIKE
I RUN OUT
OF 'EM,
SO...

WHAT-
EVER.



YOU CAN'T
FIGHT THE
PUPPETS,
BUT ON
THE OTHER
HAND,

THE
KIGURUMI
CAN'T LAY
A HAND ON
SHELLS.



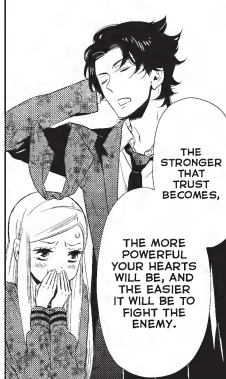
YOUR DUTY
IS TO FIND
THE HUMANS THAT
ARE ABOUT TO
BE MADE INTO
PUPPETS—WE
CALL THEM
SHELLS—

AND
RETURN
THEIR
HEARTS TO
THEM.

guardians.



WHICH IS
EXACTLY WHY
I WANT YOU TO
GET TO KNOW
EACH OTHER AND
DEEPEN YOUR
RELATIONSHIPS.



THE
STRONGER
THAT
TRUST
BECOMES,

THE MORE
POWERFUL
YOUR HEARTS
WILL BE, AND
THE EASIER
IT WILL BE TO
FIGHT THE
ENEMY.



BUT THE
MOST
IMPORTANT
THING

IS THE
TRUST
YOU AND
YOUR
KIGURUMI
SHARE.



I
WASN'T
—!

WHAT?!

COME
ON, WE'RE
CLOSE.
WE BATHED
TOGETHER.

TRUST?
RELATION-
SHIP?
WITH...
THIS
THING?



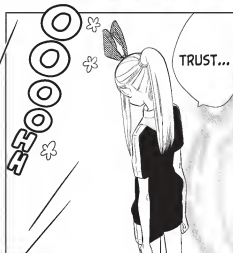
LIKE I'M
GETTING
MY KICKS
STARING
AT NAKED
CHILDREN?

Tough
break-

DUDE.

Uh-
huh...

I DIDN'T
KNOW HE WAS
THAT ON THE
INSIDE!!

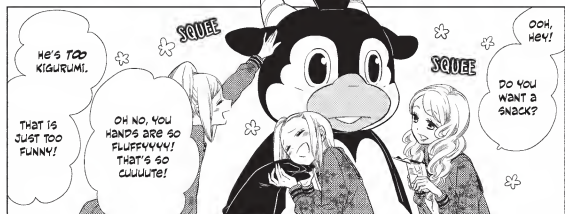


TRUST...



DON'T
WORRY.

I THINK
YOU'LL ALL
MAKE GOOD
PARTNERS
FOR EACH
OTHER.

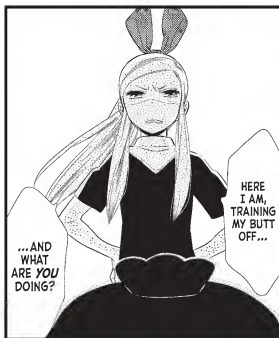


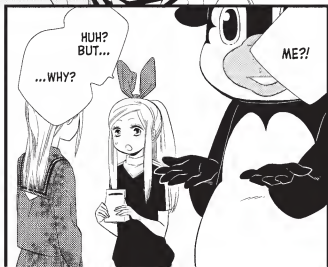
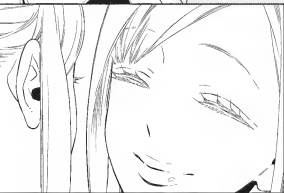
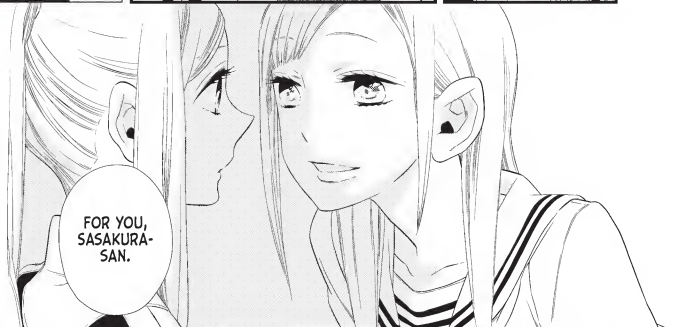
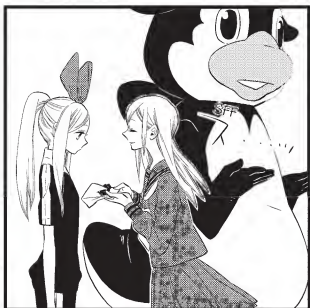
What I see is...

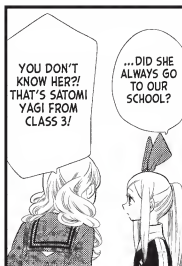


...TO TRUST THAT...

AND I'M SUPPOSED...







YOU DON'T
KNOW HER?!
THAT'S SATOMI
YAGI FROM
CLASS 3!

...DID SHE
ALWAYS GO
TO OUR
SCHOOL?

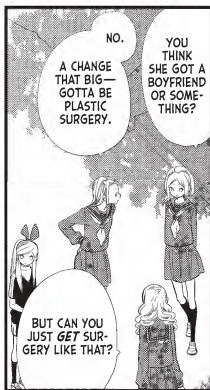
SEE
YOU
LATER.



UH...
OKAY.

I THINK
WE COULD
GET
ALONG.

I'D LIKE
TO GET
TOGETHER
SOMETIME,
JUST THE
TWO OF
US.



NO.

A CHANGE
THAT BIG—
GOTTA BE
PLASTIC
SURGERY.

YOU
THINK
SHE GOT A
BOYFRIEND
OR SOME-
THING?

BUT CAN YOU
JUST *GET*
SURGERY LIKE THAT?

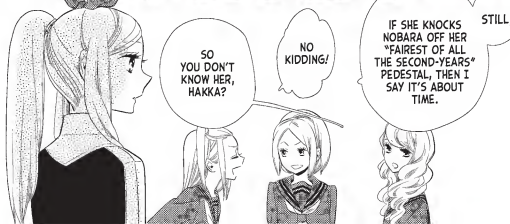


SHE WAS,
BUT SUDDENLY
SHE BECAME
GORGEOUS.

BUT I
THOUGHT
SHE WAS
MORE LIKE
THIS!

W
H
A
T
?!

IT'S
TRUE!

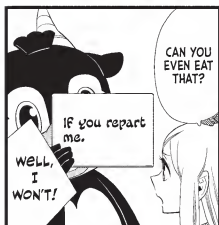
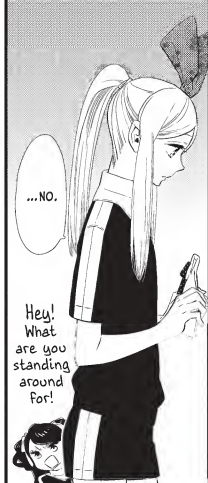
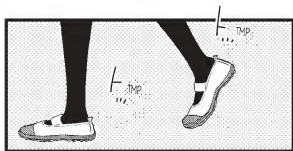


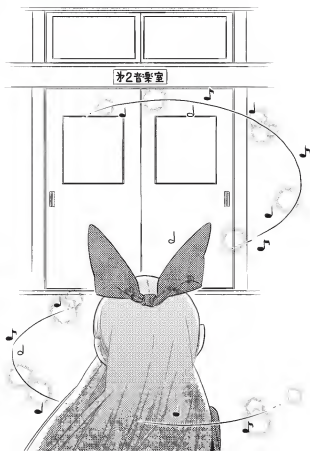
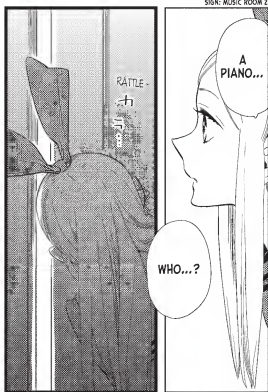
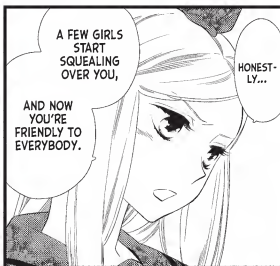
SO
YOU DON'T
KNOW HER,
HAKKA?

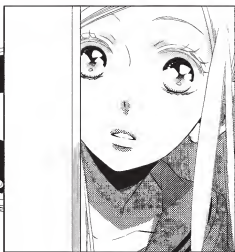
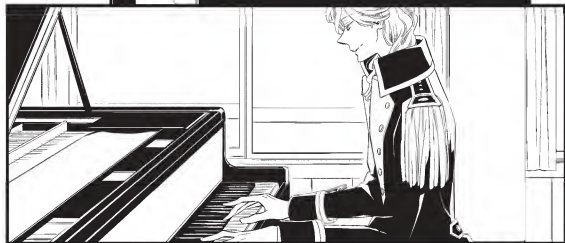
NO
KIDDING!

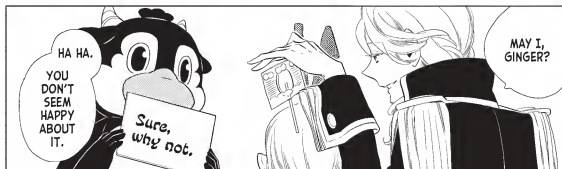
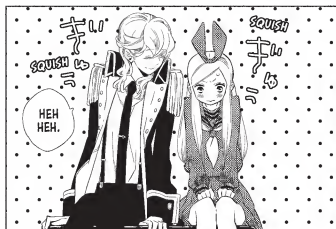
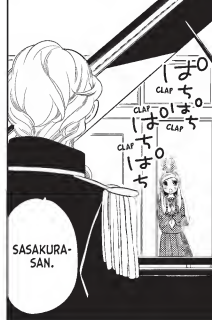
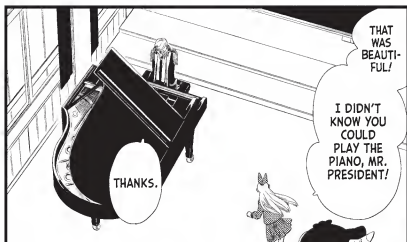
IF SHE KNOCKS
NOBARA OFF HER
"FAIREST OF ALL
THE SECOND-YEARS"
PEDESTAL, THEN I
SAY IT'S ABOUT
TIME.

STILL,

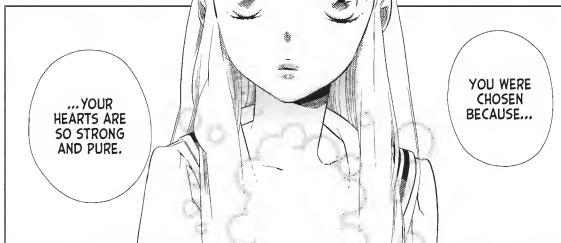












...YOUR
HEARTS ARE
SO STRONG
AND PURE.

YOU WERE
CHOSEN
BECAUSE...



THEY
DRAW
PEOPLE
TO THEM.

YOUR
HEARTS
HAVE A
SPECIAL
CHARM.

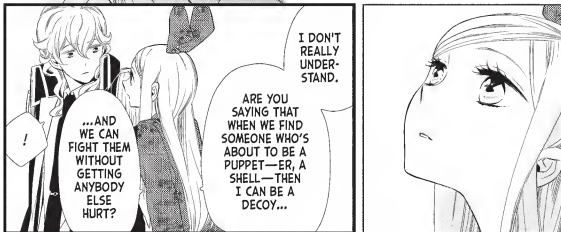
I SUPPOSE
IT'S NOT
SOMETHING
YOU'D
KNOW FOR
YOURSELF.

OUR
HEARTS
...?



...AND THE
ENEMY.

THE
KIGURUMI,
THE
SHELLS...



! ...AND
WE CAN
FIGHT THEM
WITHOUT
GETTING
ANYBODY
ELSE
HURT?

I DON'T
REALLY
UNDER-
STAND.

ARE YOU
SAYING THAT
WHEN WE FIND
SOMEONE WHO'S
ABOUT TO BE A
PUPPET—ER, A
SHELL—THEN
I CAN BE A
DECOY...



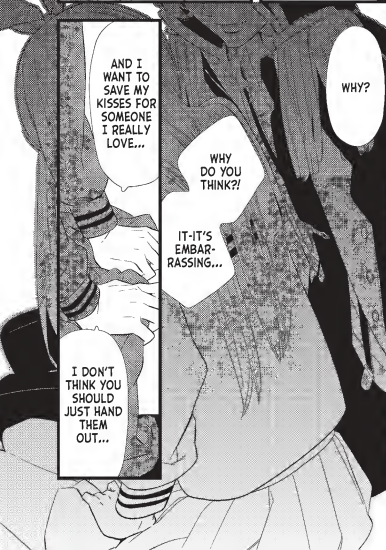
IT'S THE
KISSING
THAT...

NOT REALLY,
BUT IT DOES
SCARE ME.

AND
ACTU-
ALLY,
WELL...



DOES
THAT
BOTHER
YOU?



AND I
WANT TO
SAVE MY
KISSES FOR
SOMEONE
I REALLY
LOVE...

WHY
DO YOU
THINK?!

IT-IT'S
EMBAR-
RASSING...

I DON'T
THINK YOU
SHOULD
JUST HAND
THEM
OUT...

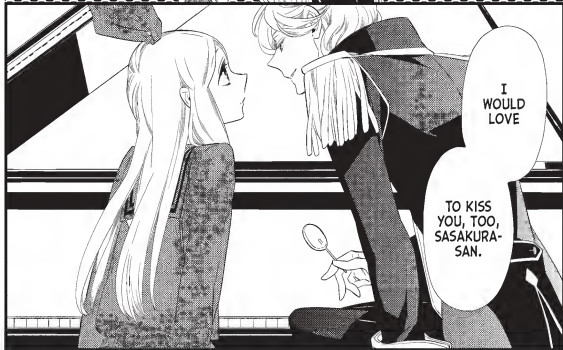
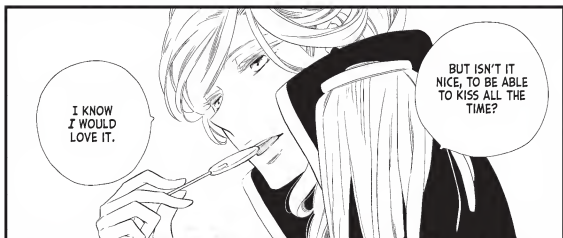
WHY?



...



...BOTHERS
YOU?





UH...

UM...!

ER.

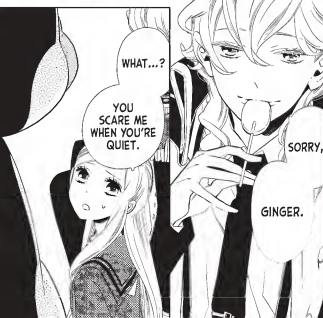


BAP
/ 10
3

BEHAVE
YOURSELF,
CHIGAYA-
SAN.

MASAKI.

OW!



WHAT...?

YOU
SCARE ME
WHEN YOU'RE
QUIET.

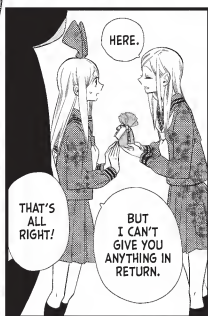
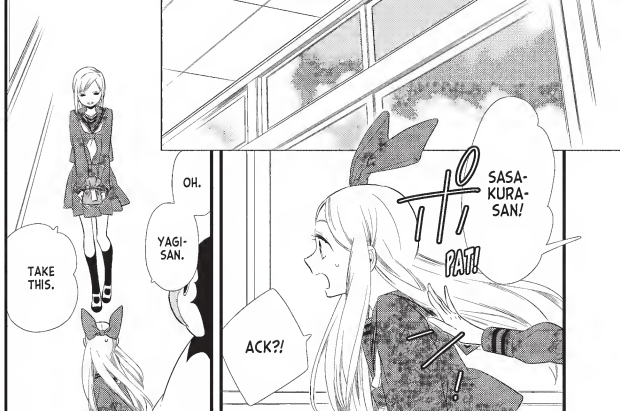
SORRY,

GINGER.



WHY'D
YOU HIT
ME?!

...







YOU'RE
PRETTIER
ANYWAY.

I DON'T
THINK
THAT.



WHAT
DO YOU
MEAN, "TOO
BAD"?!



TOO BAD
ABOUT YOUR
PERSONAL-
ITY.



BUT
YOU'RE SO
MUCH MORE
ALIVE.

YOU'RE
MUCH MORE
BEAUTIFUL
IN MY EYES.



HEY!

Hey! Nobara's
blushing.

THANK
YOU.

TH—







REMEMBER
WHAT
THE VICE
PRESIDENT
WAS
SAYING?

HOW TO
TELL WHEN
SOMEONE'S
A SHELL!

SORRY,
I DON'T
THINK I WAS
LISTENING! I
WAS GAZING
AT PRESIDENT
KAGAMI!

HRRNGH...

You can
hit her.

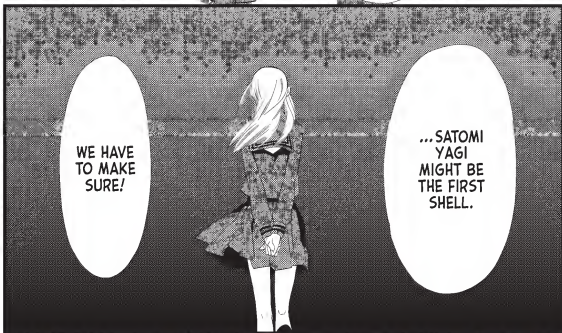
EXCEPT
FOR #2,
THAT ALL
HAPPENED
TO YAGI-
SAN!

OH!

SO THAT
MEANS...

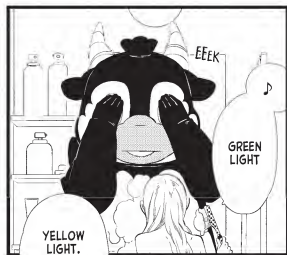
AND
THEY GET
MORE DOLL-
LIKE! CLOSER
TO BEING
PUPPETS!

1. A CHANGE
IN APPEARANCE.
2. A DEFORMATION
OF THE IRISES.
3. A CHANGE IN
ATTITUDE TOWARD
US SPECIFICALLY.



WE HAVE
TO MAKE
SURE!

...SATOMI
YAGI
MIGHT BE
THE FIRST
SHELL.

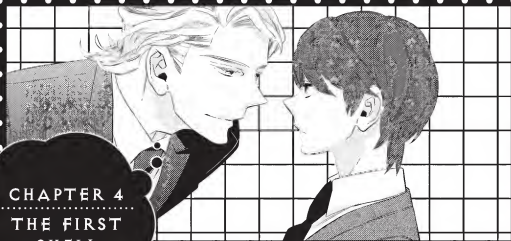
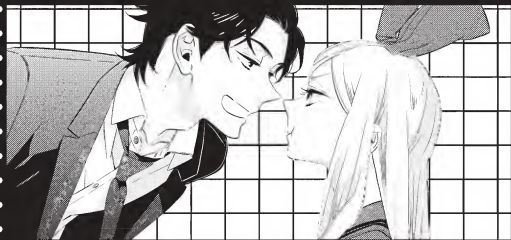
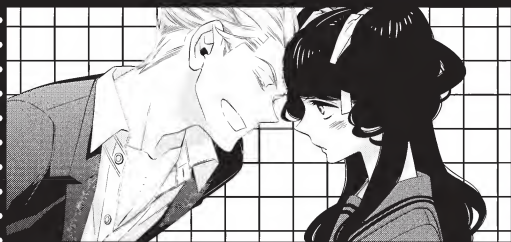


Kigurumi
GUARDIANS

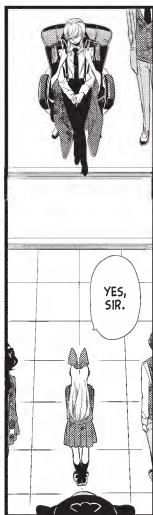
Kigurumi

GUARDIANS





CHAPTER 4
.....
THE FIRST
SHELL





THAT'S
RIGHT.
OR...

...WHEN
THEY'RE
EXPERI-
ENCING
PLEASURE
OR GRIEF.

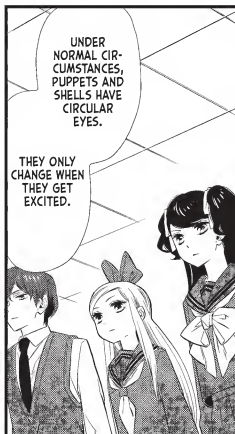
EXCIT-
ED...?

LIKE WHEN
THEY'RE
HAPPY, OR
ANGRY?



YES... ALL
KINDS OF
EMOTIONS.

VARIOUS
OTHER
EMOTIONS CAN
TRIGGER IT,
AS WELL.



UNDER
NORMAL CIR-
CUMSTANCES,
PUPPETS AND
SHELLS HAVE
CIRCULAR
EYES.

THEY ONLY
CHANGE WHEN
THEY GET
EXCITED.



...OH.

IF YOU
WANT TO PROVE
WHETHER OR NOT
SATOMI YAGI-SAN
IS A SHELL,

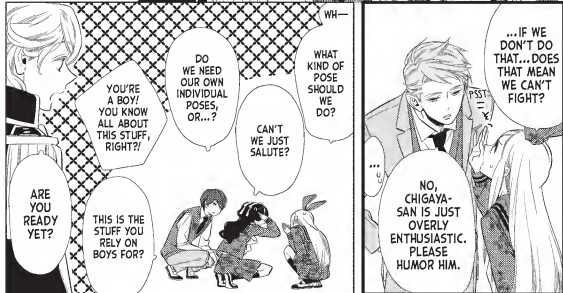
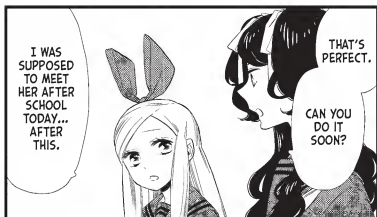
GET HER
EXCITED AND
LOOK AT HER
IRISES.



ISN'T
THAT
RIGHT,
MASAKI?

?

I DON'T
APPRECIATE
THE TIMING
OF YOUR
QUESTION,
SIR.





**GUARDIANS,
COMMENCE
OPERATION!**

NOW
THEN,

LET'S
TRY IT
AGAIN.



**YES,
SIR!!**

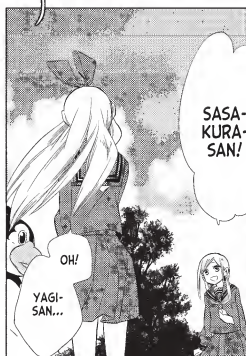
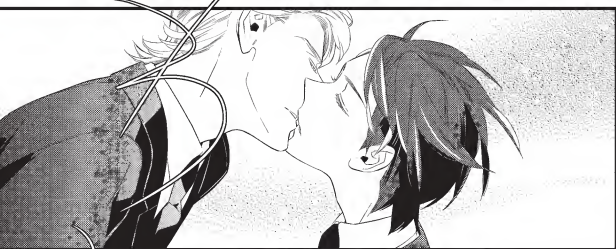
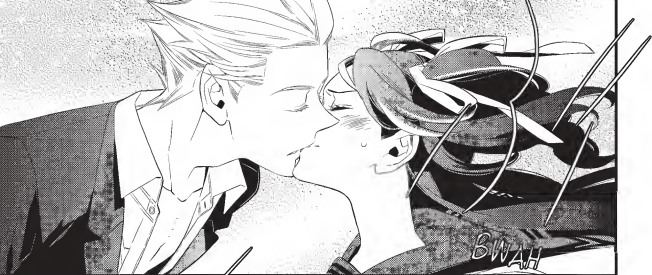
You
think
so?

That
was
cool!!

BLUSH
か
あ

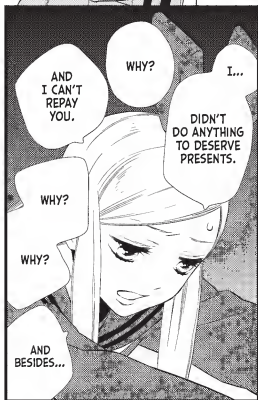
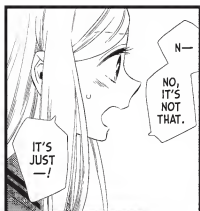


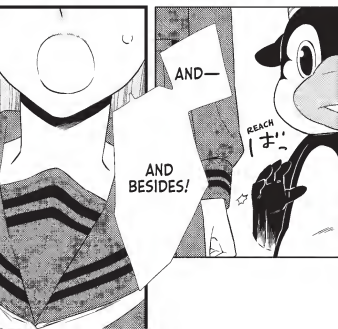
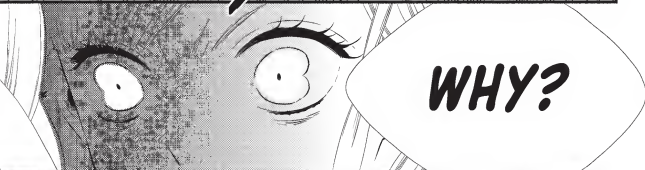
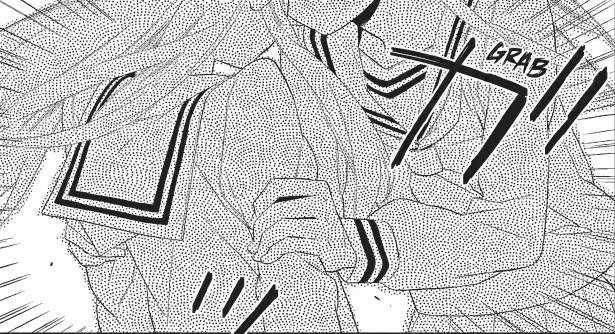


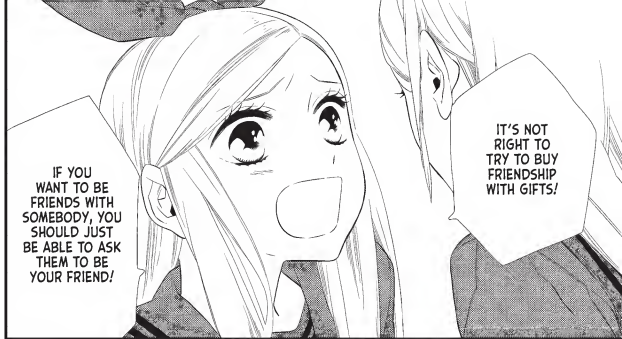


SASA-KURA-SAN!









WHOOPSY!

SASA-
KURA-
S...

THAT'S A
GUARDIAN
FOR YOU!

YOU ALMOST
TURNED HER
HUMAN AGAIN
JUST BY
TALKING
TO HER!

THOSE PURE
HEARTS ARE
SCARY STUFF!



AND LOOK
AT THIS
PERFECT
TIMING! SHE'S
JUST ABOUT
RIPE.

THIS GIRL IS
GOING TO BE
MY PUPPET.



LAVEN-
DER!



BUT I
WON'T
LET
YOU.

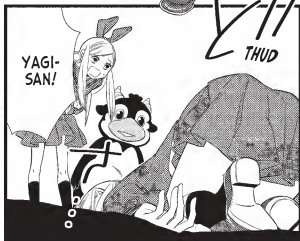


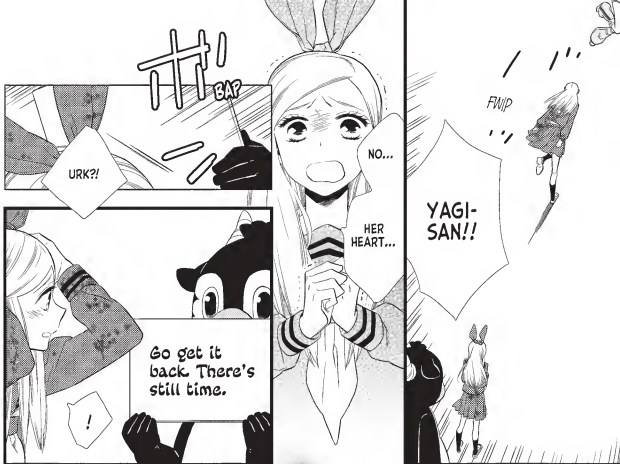
...IS
GOING
TO BE
MINE.

THIS...



NOW,
LET ME
SHOW
YOU.

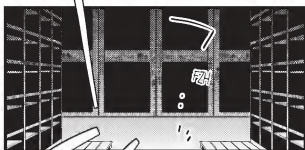




So pull yourself together.

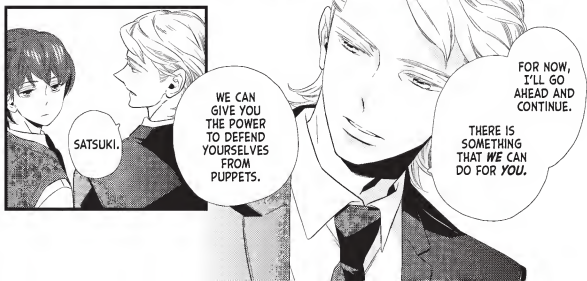
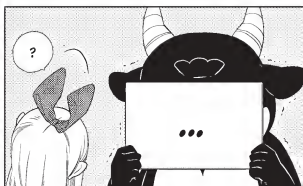
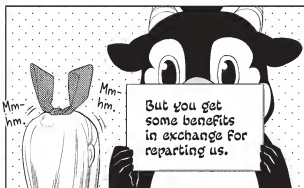


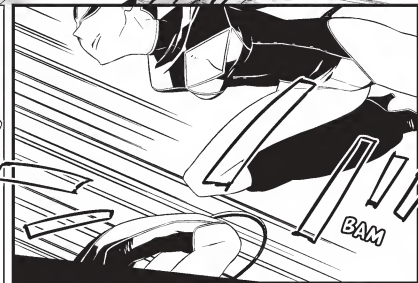
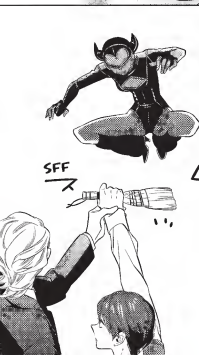
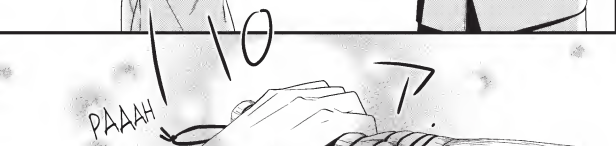
OKAY...!

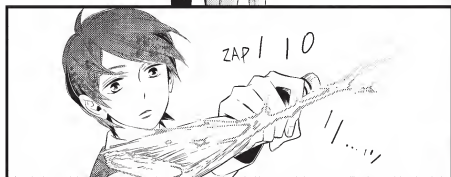


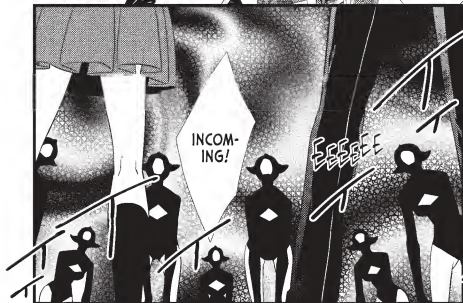
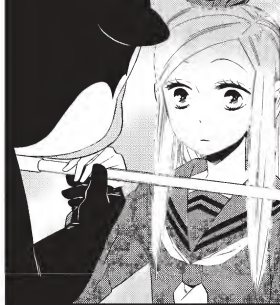


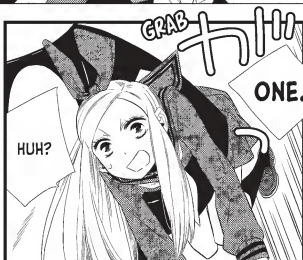
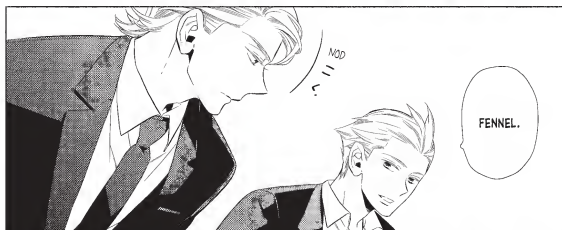
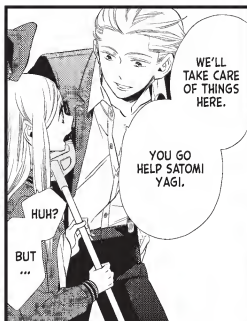












THREE!

FWOOOM

JUST
A—

WAVER
↳

ARE
THEY
GOING
TO
BE OKAY
LIKE
THAT?

I DON'T
THINK THIS
IS REALLY A
GOOD TIME TO
WORRY ABOUT
THEM.

H E E Y Y !

STOMP

STOMP

STOMP

STOMP

STOMP



IT
LOOKS
LIKE...



...WE GOT
THE SHORT
END OF THIS
STICK!

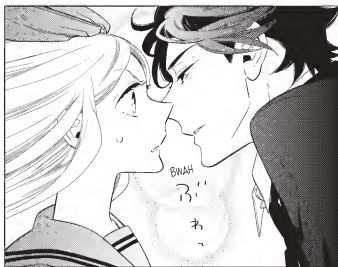


JUST WAIT,
YAGI-SAN...

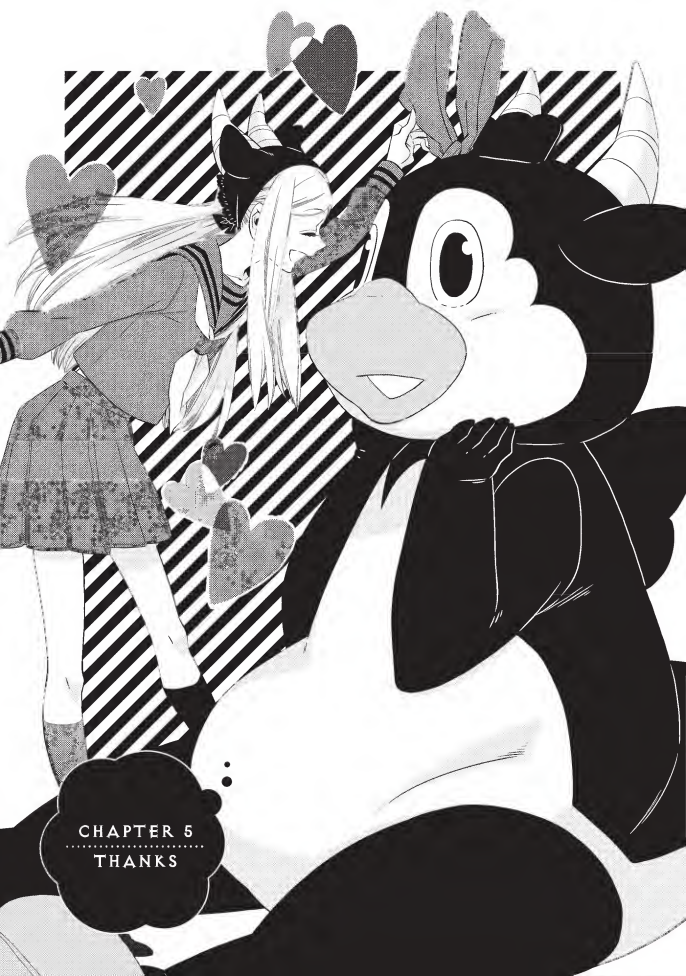
I'LL
SAVE YOU—
I PROMISE!!



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GUARDIANS



Kigurumi GUARDIANS

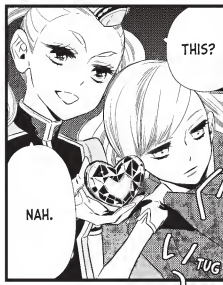


CHAPTER 5
.....
THANKS



YAGI-SAN!!

...YOU
BETTER
NOT MESS
THIS UP!





FWOOO



I WANT...

FRIENDS.
LOTS OF
FRIENDS.

ARE
THESE...

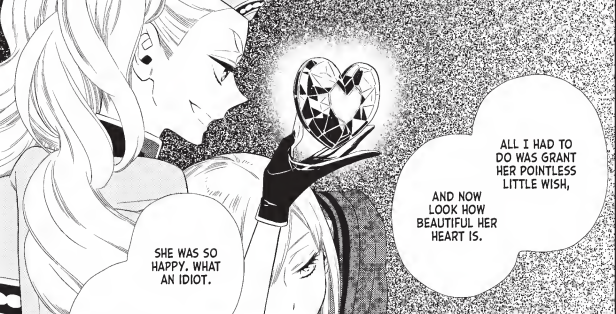
BUT I
LOOK SO
PLAIN.

AND I'M
NOT VERY
INTERESTING,
EITHER...

YAGI-
SAN'S...?

I WISH I
COULD MAKE
LOTS AND LOTS
OF PRECIOUS
FRIENDS.

I WISH
I COULD
BE MORE
CONFIDENT.



SHE WAS SO
HAPPY. WHAT
AN IDIOT.

ALL I HAD TO
DO WAS GRANT
HER POINTLESS
LITTLE WISH,

AND NOW
LOOK HOW
BEAUTIFUL HER
HEART IS.

COULDN'T
EVEN FIGURE
OUT I WAS
GOING TO TAKE
HER HEART.



I'M
TIRED OF
THIS. TIME
FOR A
JUMP.

BYE-
BYE!

UGH, YOU
ARE SO
OBNOXIOUS.



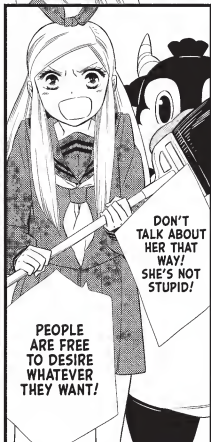
JUUUU...

ONE,
TWO!



She's gonna
warp away
from you.

HUH... ?!



DON'T
TALK ABOUT
HER THAT
WAY!
SHE'S NOT
STUPID!

PEOPLE
ARE FREE
TO DESIRE
WHATEVER
THEY WANT!

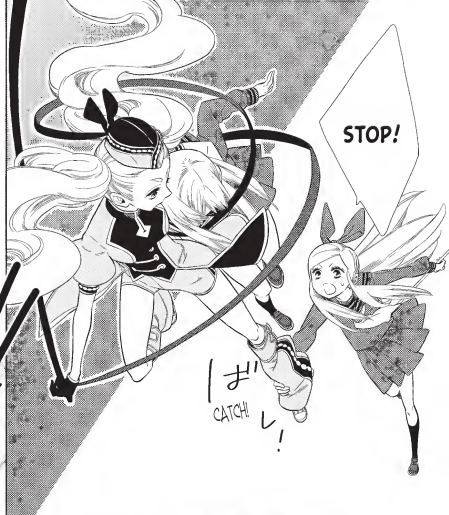


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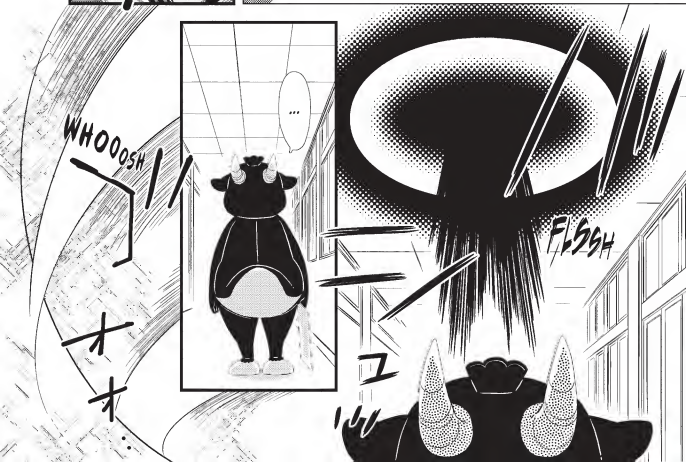
HUH
...?

GRNK



STOP!

¡#!
CATCH!
¡!



WHOOOSH



...



FLASH



OOOHH

WHA...

WHAT...

...IS HAP-
PENING?!

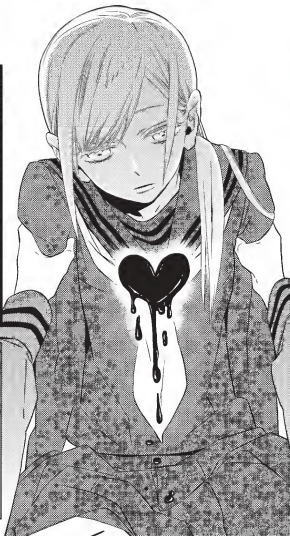
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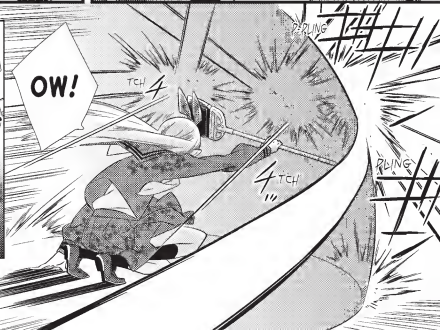
...ARE
YOU?

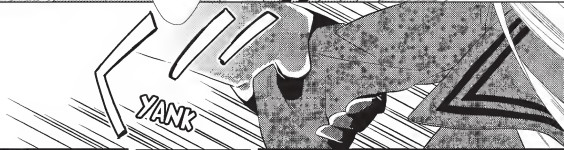
...YOUR
HEART.

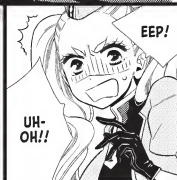
I WANT TO
TOUCH...

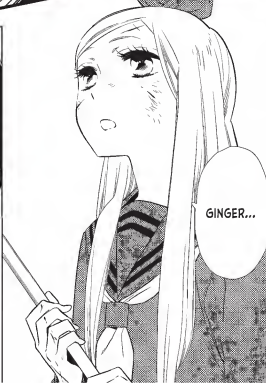




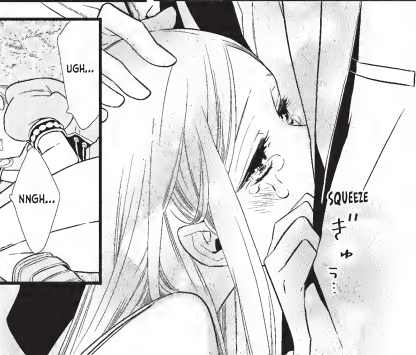














GIVE THE
HEART
BACK.

THEN BE
A GOOD
GIRL AND
GET OUT
OF HERE.

AND
TAKE YOUR
PUPPETS
WITH YOU.

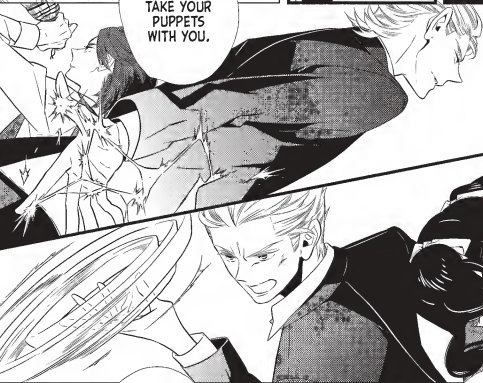


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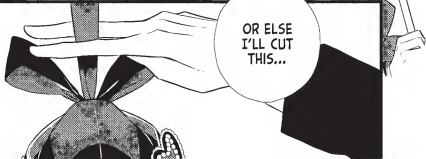


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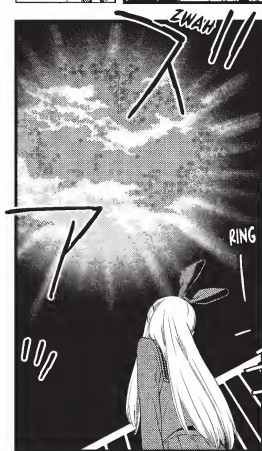
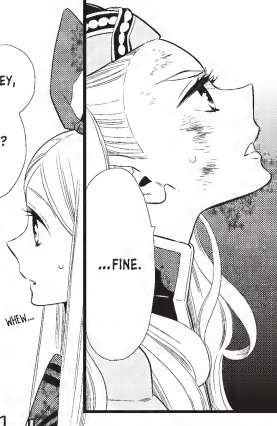
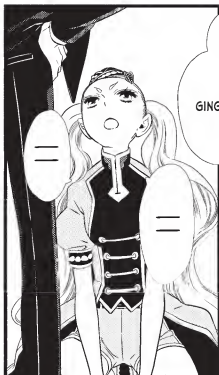
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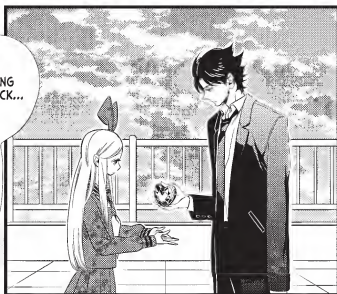
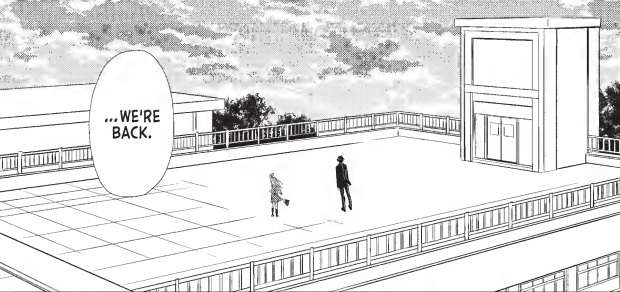


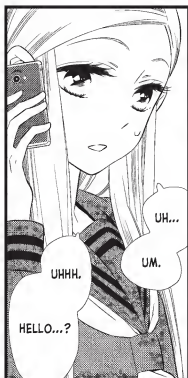
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NOW.

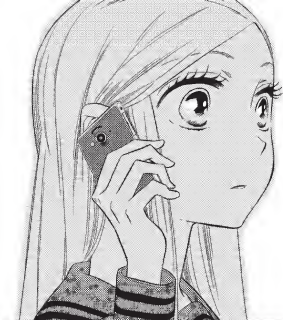


OR ELSE
I'LL CUT
THIS...





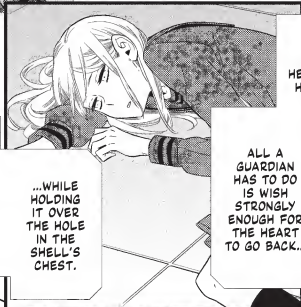




YOU ONLY
HAVE ONE
CHANCE
TO GIVE A
HEART BACK.



THE
POWER
OF YOUR
HEART
WILL PUT
IT BACK.



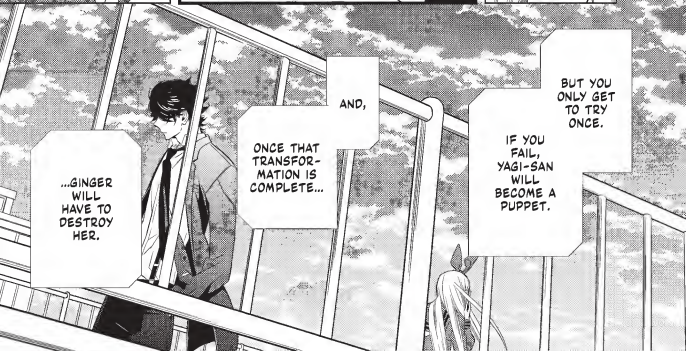
...WHILE
HOLDING
IT OVER
THE HOLE
IN THE
SHELL'S
CHEST.

HERE'S
HOW.

ALL A
GUARDIAN
HAS TO DO
IS WISH
STRONGLY
ENOUGH FOR
THE HEART
TO GO BACK...



...WHAT
...?



...GINGER
WILL
HAVE TO
DESTROY
HER.

ONCE THAT
TRANSFOR-
MATION IS
COMPLETE...

AND,

IF YOU
FAIL,
YAGI-SAN
WILL
BECOME A
PUPPET.

BUT YOU
ONLY GET
TO TRY
ONCE.



IF I
KNOW YOU,
SASAKURA-
SAN, YOU
CAN DO IT.

BUT
DON'T
WORRY.

GOOD
LUCK.



IF I
FAIL...

...YOU'LL
HAVE TO
DESTROY
YAGI-SAN.



YEAH.



GINGER
...

HE SAID
I ONLY HAVE
ONE CHANCE
TO PUT IT
BACK.





YEAH.



I MEAN...



YOU
CAN'T
TELL ME
THAT...

I DON'T EVEN
KNOW IF I *CAN*
PUT IT BACK.
IT'S SO...



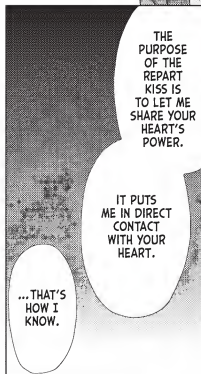
BUT
THAT'S...

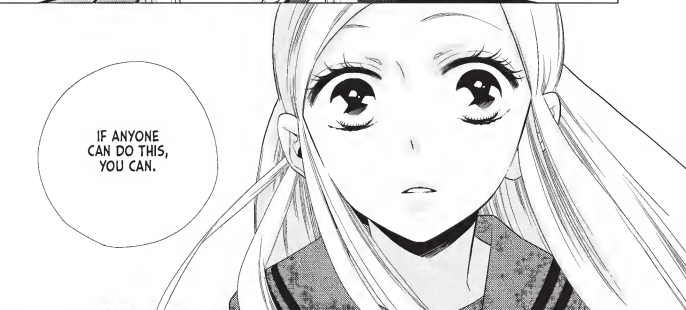
SO...



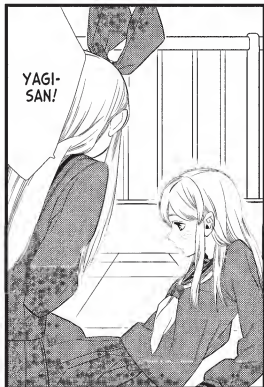
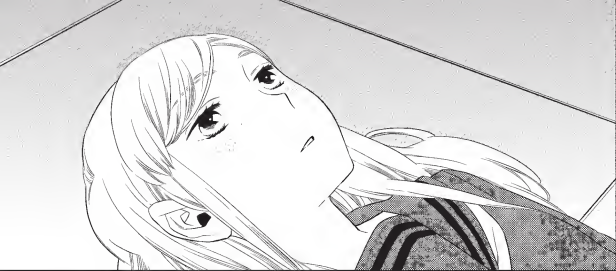
I DON'T
EVEN KNOW
WHAT MAKES
MY HEART SO
PURE OR SO
STRONG.

I DON'T
HAVE ANY
IDEA...











THANK YOU,
SASAKURA-
SAN!

WELL,
BYE...

HAKKA
SASAKURA.



THANK
YOU FOR
WAKING
ME UP.

UM...

I'M
HAKKA.

...OH.



WHIRL



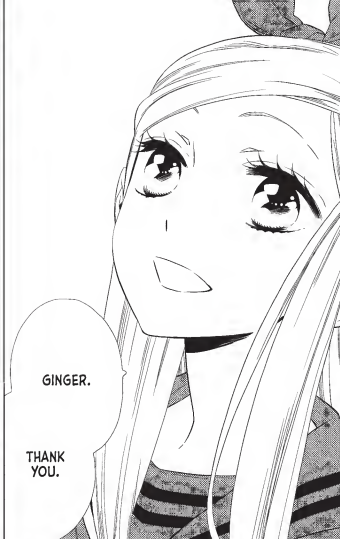
...SO SHE
LOSES ALL THE
MEMORIES FROM
WHEN SHE WAS
A SHELL.

THAT
MAKES ME
A LITTLE
SAD.



GINGER.

THANK
YOU.



UGH.

PAIN
IN THE...



HEY!

BEND
DOWN A
LITTLE.

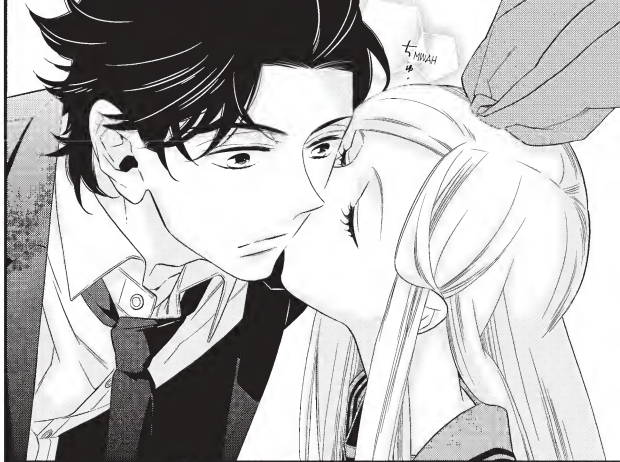
WHY?

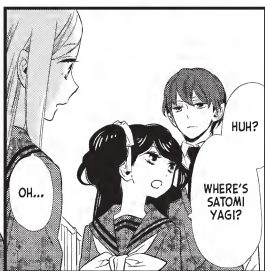
JUST
DO IT!

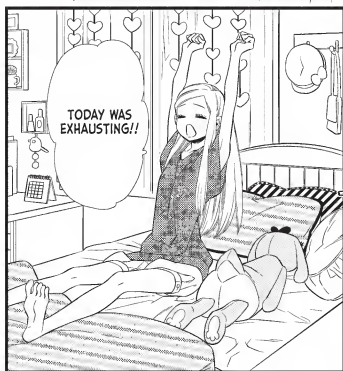


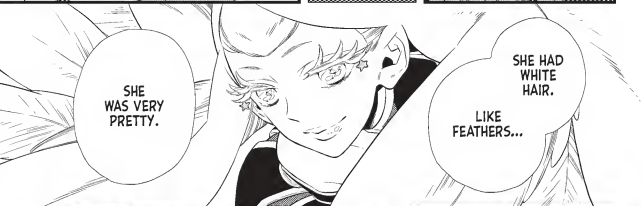
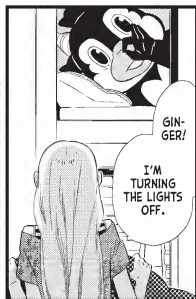
FOR
WHAT?

HEH
HEH.





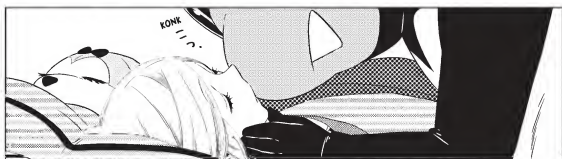
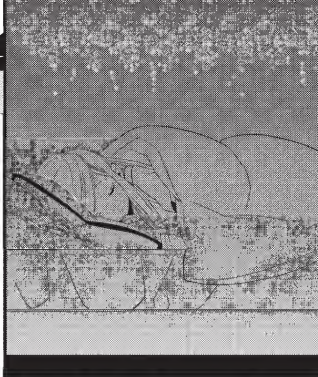






トン
TMP

TMP
トン...



KONK
...



I HAVE A
MESSAGE
FROM
LAVENDER.

TO WHAT
DO I
OWE THE
PLEASURE
AT THIS
TIME OF
NIGHT?

OH,
THANKS
FOR
CALLING.



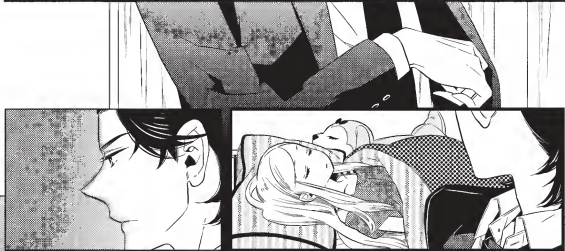
...IT'S
ME.



CLICK
4
4

4
4
4
CLICK
CLICK





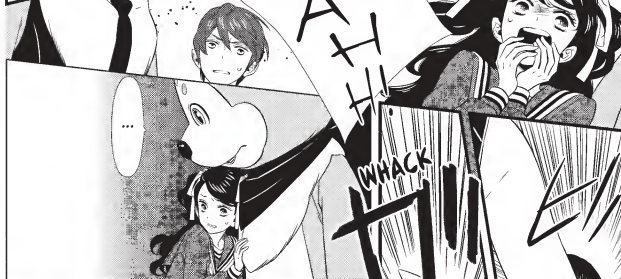
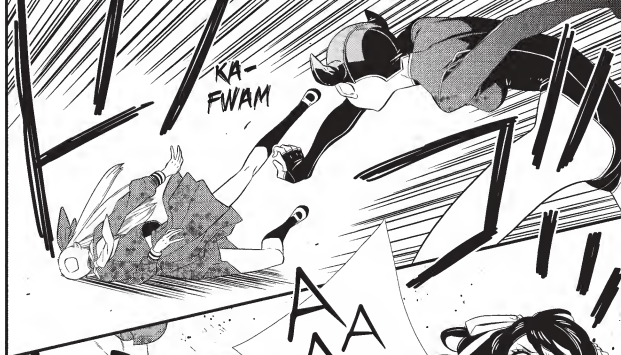
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REAL?!**

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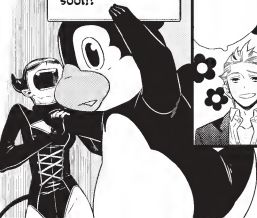


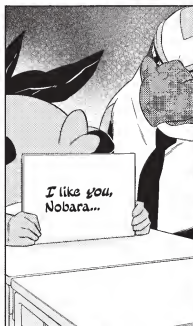
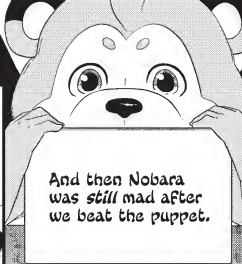
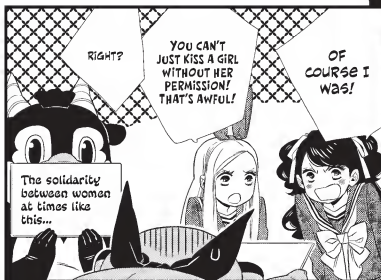


Um, I don't suppose we could get back to this fight sometime soon?

SORRY HE DIDN'T TURN OUT TO BE A HOT CHICK, SATSUKI!

TH- THEY'RE BOTH M...







TRANSLATION NOTES

Kigurumi, page 13

The word *kigurumi* has gained popularity in English in recent years, mostly in reference to full-body animal pajamas. Many readers may already know that the word also refers to more elaborate animal costumes of the variety used for sports mascots and popular characters at theme parks. The word *kigurumi* is an abbreviation for *jintai chakuyô nuigurumi*, which means "life-sized wearable doll." (The *ki* is an alternate pronunciation of *chaku*, or "to wear.")

In Japanese, a noun can be both plural and singular, so the use of *kigurumi* in this manga may refer to one or the group, depending on context.



Use honorifics, page 19



In Japan, it can be very rude to address someone you don't know well by their given name. Sometimes it's appropriate to ask someone how they prefer to be addressed, but when that's not feasible, the safest bet in most circumstances is to call them by their surname and add the honorific *-san* (similar to the English "Mr." or "Miss"). Because they have never spoken before, Nobara would not be out of line in expecting Hakka to address her as Miyamori-san.

Other honorifics in this volume include "*-chan*" (which denotes friendship or closeness, and is usually reserved for children and younger women), and "*-senpai*," which is for one's direct seniors in school or other organizations.

Look that way now, page 33-34

Here, Ginger and Hakka are playing a game that is often considered a "sequel" to rock-paper-scissors. After the players have thrown out their rock, paper, or scissors, the winner says, "Look that way *now!*" and points up, down, left, or right. The loser of the rock-paper-scissors turns his or her head in a direction as well, and if the finger and the face are pointed in the same direction, the rock-paper-



scissors winner wins again. If they point in different directions, they start another round of rock-paper-scissors.

Viva Nonno, page 46

Technically, this phrase is Italian for "long live grandfather!" but it is a variation of "viva non non," a nonsensical shout from the Drifters' cover of the Duke Aces' 1960s single "Li Yu Da Na." The title of this song means, roughly, "Ah, what a nice bath," which is probably also what Ginger means when he



says, "Viva Nonno."



Report, page 53

Pronounced "ree-part," the exact etymology of this term is unclear—the translators would not be surprised if Chigaya made it up himself. A reasonable theory is that it comes from the French word *repartir*, which means "to

restart." It may also come from the Italian *ripartire*, with the same meaning, but it doesn't really match the imperative (command) forms of either.

Tsundere, page 83

Readers may be familiar with the *tsundere* trope, describing characters who are often sarcastic and mean but will occasionally reveal hints that they actually do care about another character. For the uninitiated, *tsundere* is a combination of *tsun-tsun*, meaning "bad-tempered," and *dere-dere*, meaning roughly "lovestruck." The word usually refers to one person who shows both traits, but in this case, it would seem that Nobara is *tsun-tsun* while Basilico is *dere-dere*.



Test-prep, page 139

In Japan, many high schools require their potential students to pass an entrance exam before they can enroll. The more elite the school, the harder the exam. To prepare for these tests, students can attend *juku*, a type of supplementary school specifically geared to help them get into the high school, and eventually college, of their choice.

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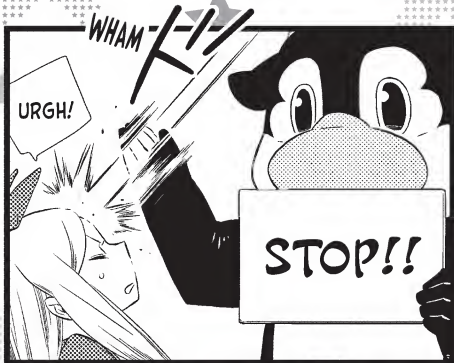
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